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1. On 31 December 1951, the Secretariat of the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party) Veneto Regional Federation received a letter from the Party Directorate marked "Most Urgent". The letter was entitled "Subject European Union" and was signed by Palmiro Togliatti. It contained the following remarks:
 - a) The PCI is absolutely opposed to the agreements reached by the Italian Government and the Western Powers at Paris and Strasbourg. Such agreements are considered by the PCI as a prelude to an aggressive rearmament program and a plan to revive the German Army as an anti-Soviet force;
 - b) After the reopening of the Italian Parliament the PCI will attempt to invalidate such actions of the Italian Government by placing it in a minority position; and
 - c) All Party activists must begin to influence public opinion to Party views on the subject of European Union. All activists are authorized to travel throughout the country as tourists, drawing expenses from Party funds, in order to make known the Party line and attract public opinion to it, especially among the lower classes.

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